

WASP STINGS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—I have read with much interest the correspondence about the taking of wasps' nests. If any of your readers can tell me the correct treatment for wasp stings I shall be most grateful. The Red Cross First Aid Manual classes bee and wasp stings together and suggests ammonia as one of the suitable remedies. I went to a well-known firm of chemists to buy some and was told that it was quite wrong to use ammonia, as the wasp sting, unlike that of the bee, is an alkali poison, and the correct antidote to it is acetic acid—therefore vinegar can be usefully applied.

I am perplexed between these two opposite views and am very anxious to know which is the correct one.

I am yours faithfully,

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